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Dear Sirs:

Enclosed herewith for appropriate action by the United States Patent and Trademark Office is the following document

1. Transmittal Letter;
2. Preliminary Amendment;
3. Appendix A – Amendment to Specification (CLEAN VERSION);
4. Appendix B – Amendment to Specification (MARKED-UP VERSION);
5. Appendix C – Pending Claims 1-12 (CLEAN VERSION);
6. Appendix D – Amended Claims 1-12 (MARKED-UP VERSION); and
7. postcard evidencing the same.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any fees necessary from Deposit Account No. 08-0219 to maintain the pendency of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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